

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to place them in more acceptable U.S. claim format and/or to reduce the filing fees, without prejudice.

The claims are based on the claims as amended during the International Phase and included on the attached Annex to the IPER.

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent applications and the abstract.

The specification has been amended to include the attached Sequence Listing. The attached paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same. No new matter has been added.

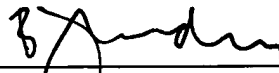
Return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO 1449 Form, pursuant to MPEP § 609, is requested.

An early and favorable action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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